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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Manhattan Fire  
4 Chief John "Jack" Fitzgerald on his retirement from the  
5 Manhattan Fire Department; and

6           WHEREAS, He joined the Manhattan Fire Department on January  
7 13, 1956; in 1967 he was promoted to Assistant Chief and became  
8 Mayor of Manhattan that same year, serving as Mayor until 1989  
9 and becoming the longest-serving Mayor of Manhattan; and

10           WHEREAS, He was promoted to Deputy Chief in 1992 and Chief  
11 in 1998; and

12           WHEREAS, He became an Illinois State Certified Firefighter  
13 II in 1984, an Illinois State Certified Firefighter III in  
14 1993; and was an Illinois State Certified Paramedic from 1976  
15 to 2006; and

16           WHEREAS, He was the recipient of the Officer of the Year  
17 Award from the Manhattan Fire Department in 1974, 1983, and  
18 1992; he was the recipient of the EMS Award from the Manhattan  
19 Fire Department in 1992; he was the recipient of the Paramedic  
20 of the Year Award from the Will Grundy EMS System in 1987; and  
21 he was the recipient of the Dr. William McConnell Excellence in

1 EMS Award in 2006; and

2 WHEREAS, Jack Fitzgerald and Judith Briese were married on  
3 November 29, 1958; they are the proud parents of Lynn (Danny)  
4 Chellios, Karen (Steve) Chellios, Kelly Patterson, Jacki  
5 (Patrick) Reilly, and John Fitzgerald; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
8 congratulate John "Jack" Fitzgerald on his retirement and wish  
9 him and his lovely wife a happy 50th wedding anniversary; and  
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to John "Jack" Fitzgerald as a symbol of our respect  
13 and esteem.